

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. **(Original)** A metal strand comprising at least two filaments, at least one filament being interrupted providing at least one filament end, characterized in that said filament end being fixed to the uninterrupted filaments of said strand using a fixing substance.
2. **(Original)** A metal strand according to claim 1, said strand having an interruption zone, at each side of said interruption zone, at least one filament end being fixed to said uninterrupted filaments.
3. **(Currently amended)** A metal strand according to ~~any of claim 1 to 2~~ claim 1, said fixing substance being a glue.
4. **(Currently amended)** A metal strand according to ~~any of claim 1 to 2~~ claim 1, said fixing substance being a polymer.
5. **(Currently amended)** A metal strand according to ~~any of claim 1 to 2~~ claim 1, said fixing substance being a soldering substance.
6. **(Original)** A metal strand according to claim 5, said soldering substance having a melting temp lower than 700°C.
7. **(Currently amended)** A metal strand according to ~~any of claim 5 or 6~~ claim 5, said soldering substance being chosen out of the group consisting of Ag, Sn or Ag-Sn alloys.

8. **(Currently amended)** A metal strand according to ~~any of claim 1 to 7~~ claim 1, only one filament being interrupted.
9. **(Currently amended)** A metal strand according to ~~any of claim 1 to 8~~ claim 1, said strand having a strand diameter, the diameter of the fixation of the filament ends being essentially equal to said strand diameter
10. **(Currently amended)** A metal strand according to ~~any of claim 1 to 9~~ claim 1, said strand diameter being smaller than 5mm.
11. **(Currently amended)** A metal strand according to ~~any of claim 1 to 9~~ claim 1, said strand diameter being smaller than 2.5mm.
12. **(Currently amended)** A metal strand according to ~~claim any of 1 to 11~~ claim 1, said filaments having a filament diameter, said filament diameter being smaller than 1.15mm.
13. **(Currently amended)** A metal strand according to ~~any of claim 1 to 11~~ claim 1, said filament diameter being smaller than 0.35mm.
14. **(Currently amended)** A metal strand according to ~~any of claim 1 to 13~~ claim 1, said strand having a force at rupture of more than 50% of the force at rupture of a sample of said strand, not comprising a filament end.
15. **(Currently amended)** A metal strand according to ~~any of claim 1 to 14~~ claim 1, said strand with interruption zone having an elongation at rupture of more than 30% of the force at rupture of a sample of said strand, not comprising a filament end.
16. **(Currently amended)** A metal strand according to ~~any of claim 1 to 14~~ claim 1, said metal being steel.

17. **(Currently amended)** A metal cord comprising at least two metal strands, at least one of said strands being a metal strand as in ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1.

18. **Cancelled**

19. **(Currently amended)** Use of a metal strand according to ~~any of claim 1 to 16~~ claim 1 for reinforcing polymer or rubber belts or tires.

20. **(Currently amended)** Use of a metal strand according to ~~any of claim 1 to 16~~ claim 1 in elevator or hoisting belts.

21. **(Currently amended)** Use of a metal strand according to ~~any of claim 1 to 16~~ claim 1 in timing belts.

22. **(Currently amended)** Use of a metal strand according to ~~any of claim 1 to 16~~ claim 1 to provide a multi-strand cord.

23. **(Currently amended)** Use of a metal strand according to ~~any of claim 1 to 16~~ claim 1 as hoisting or elevator rope.

24. **(Currently amended)** Use of a metal strand according to ~~any of claim 1 to 16~~ claim 1 as control cable.

25. **(Currently amended)** Use of a metal strand according to ~~any of claim 1 to 16~~ claim 1 as suspension rope.